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FOR: BALANCING DEVICE FOR A :  
SUSPENDED ELEMENT

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reason for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of July 14, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed July 14, 2008, paragraph 1 states in part:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the recitation of a balancing device comprising a rotatable shaft, a pair of spiral groove pulleys attached to the shaft with ropes attached thereto, an elastic member in the form of a friction disc is attached at each end of the shaft and is rotatably supported on the shaft to allow adjustment of a torsion load caused by rotation of the pulleys and shaft, and the head surface of the friction disc is inclined with respect to the shaft and rotates against a corresponding head surface of an opposing friction disc to exert an axial pressure on the friction disc is seen as an unobvious improvement over the art of record.

It is respectfully noted that independent Claims 11 and 20 do not include all of the elements recited above. For example, the claims do not include a reference to "an elastic member in the form of a friction disc is attached at each end of the shaft". Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does not fully apply to the independent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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